



KEECHI CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

E-Postcard Archery

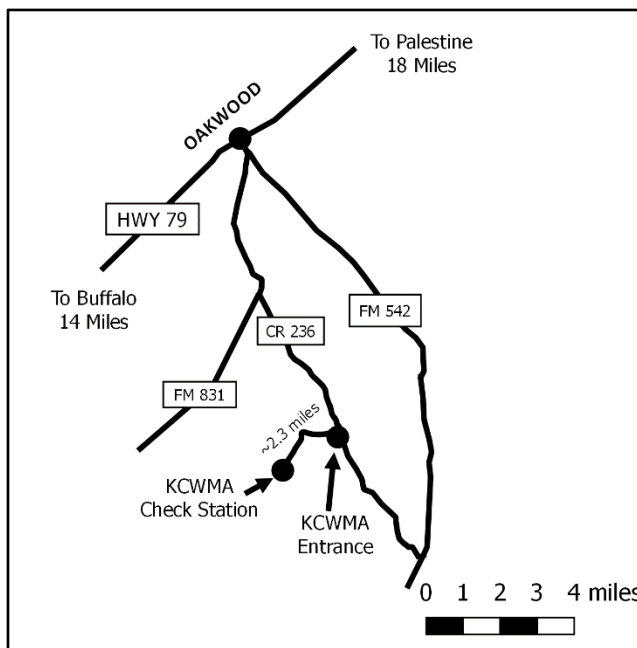
BACKGROUND

Keechi Creek Wildlife Management Area (KCWMA) is located in northeastern Leon County, and lies within the Post Oak Savannah Ecological Region. The area contains 1,500 acres of mostly bottomland hardwood forest at the confluence of Keechi and Buffalo creeks. The area was purchased primarily for the preservation of bottomland hardwoods and for use as a waterfowl management area. It was the first non-coastal waterfowl habitat acquired in part with Texas Waterfowl Stamp funds.

REPORTING/ORIENTATION

When: 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation at 12:00 p.m. Hunters must contact the WMA as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt.

Where: From Oakwood take FM 542 south 0.4 miles to FM 831. Take FM 831 west 4.3 miles to CR 236. Take CR 236 south 4.8 miles to WMA sign and gate. Take the easement another 2.3 miles to the WMA entrance.



Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas Hunting License, Annual Public Hunting Permit, and any required stamp as required by statute. Please have weapon sighted-in prior to your arrival at the WMA. Hunters will be required to tag harvested deer with tags from their hunting license. Hunters are exempt from hunter orange requirements on archery only hunts. ATV and ORV use is strongly suggested. Hunt ends at sunset on the last day.

CHECK STATION

Hours: Check station hours for each hunt period will be explained during the mandatory orientation.

Facilities: A skinning rack is available. No onsite water or cold storage is available.

Check In/Check Out: All hunters must check in/out with WMA personnel as explained in the orientation.

LATE COMERS

Check-In: Hunters who arrive late must make arrangements prior to the noon sign-in and orientation by contacting KCWMA Staff as soon as possible by calling the WMA office at (903) 389-7080.

Orientation: Late comers must participate in the same orientation given to all other hunters. It should be noted that latecomers may be required to travel to the Richland Creek WMA Headquarters and may be required to wait until the next business day to receive the required orientation prior to going into the field.

HUNTING CONDITIONS

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Hunters should come prepared to travel 1-2 miles to reach their hunting compartment. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is strongly encouraged. ATV and ORV use is restricted to designated, existing trails.

Stands: Elevated, portable stands which do not damage trees are encouraged. Stands will not be provided by KCWMA.

Youth Supervision: Youth under 17 are required to be under the immediate supervision of an authorized supervising adult, 18 or older, who possesses a valid Texas hunting license and Annual Public Hunting Permit. Youth under 12 years old must remain within normal voice distance of the supervising adult. For youth 12 to 16 years of age who have received hunter education certification, the requirement for immediate supervision is relaxed to the extent that the supervising adult is required only to be present on the public hunting unit. The supervising adult is responsible for the actions and liability of the youth.

Baiting: Baiting is allowed.

Bag Limits: KCWMA follows the bag limits set for Leon County. Therefore, antlerless deer may be harvested from October 6 until November 18. Bag limits are as follows for each hunt period.

October 5-14: 2 WTD Either Sex & Unlimited Feral Hogs. Legal bucks must have one unbranched antler or a main beam spread equal to or greater than 13 inches. Limit 1 buck.

October 19- October 28: 2 WTD Either Sex & Unlimited Feral Hogs. Legal bucks must have one unbranched antler or a main beam spread equal to or greater than 13 inches. Limit 1 buck.

November 16-25: 2 WTD Either Sex & Unlimited Feral Hogs. Legal bucks must have one unbranched antler or a main beam spread equal to or greater than 13 inches. Limit 1 buck. Antlerless deer must be harvested on or before Nov. 18.

CAMPING FACILITIES

One primitive campground is located at the entrance to KCWMA. No facilities are available.

OTHER INFORMATION

The area is closed to the general public during E-Postcard Archery Hunts. Non-hunting guest **MAY** be allowed depending on availability and safety concerns. Contact KCWMA Headquarters for more information.

Standby positions **MAY** be available. Contact KCWMA Headquarters for availability.

If you have any further questions, you may contact the KCWMA Headquarters at 903.389.7080.